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SUBJECT: US-CANADA BOUNDARY AND FISH NEGOTIATIONS:
PRESS COMMENT

1. WIRE SERVICE AND OTTAWA BUREAU STAFF REPORTS ON
FISHERY-RELATED PROBLEMS ON BOTH EAST AND WEST COASTS
BEING FRONT-PAGED DAILY IN HALIFAX PRESS. EDITORIAL
COMMENT THIS WEEK HAS BEEN CONFINED TO A SINGLE MAY
18 EDITORIAL IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS OF
HALIFAX HERALD LTD ENTITLED "TIME TO GET TOUGH".

2. EDITORIAL STARTS OFF WITH CONFESSION OF IGNORANCE
OF STATE OF PLAY ON NEGOTIATIONS AND CONFUSION ON
QUESTION OF CANADA S TRUE STANCE WITH RESPECT TO
DELINEATING THE GULF OF MAINE BOUNDARY. WITH RESPECT
TO INCREASED CATCHES BY US FISHERMEN OF GROUND FISH AND
SCALLOPS OFF EAST COAST, NEWSPAPER REFERS TO FISHERY
MINISTER LEBLANC S MAY 26 DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTION OF
ISSUE, NOTING THAT CANADA S DESIRE FOR CONSERVATION OF
THESE EASTERN FISH STOCKS IS NO LESS THAN DESIRE OF US
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FOR CONSERVATION OF WEST COAST SALMON STOCKS.

3. STATING THAT "WE ARE, AFTER ALL, TWO MATURE NEIGH-
BOURING NATIONS WITH A TRADITIONAL HISTORY OF FRANK
BUT FRIENDLY RAPPORT", EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH STATE-
MENT THAT "LEBLANC S DISCLOSURE OF A FINAL CANADIAN
DEADLINE FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE IS A WELCOME

DEVELOPMENT."

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